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Extending the benefits under Agrahara Insurance Scheme, which is implemented for the retired Public Officers

Your attention is hereby drawn to the provisions in Public Administration Circular 12/2005(VI) dated 29.04.2016 and Public Administration Circular 12/2005(VII) dated 30.10.2017.

02. As mentioned in Para. 04 of Public Administration Circular 12/2005(VI) dated 29.04.2016 revised by Public Administration Circular 12/2005(VII) dated 30.10.2017, it has been decided at the meetings of Cabinet of Ministers held on 22.07.2020 and 30.08.2021 to extend the provisions of Agrahara Rekawarana Insurance Scheme, which is implemented for the Public Officers retired after 01.01.2016, to be applicable to all the pensioners, who have retired before 01.01.2016.

03. Accordingly, Agrahara Rekawarana Insurance Scheme, which is introduced under a monthly installment of Rs.400/- from a pensioner below the age of 70 years and Rs.600/- from a pensioner above the age of 70 years, shall be effective for the benefits indicated in Annex 02 subjected to the terms and conditions in Annex 01.

04. The pensioners retired before 01.01.2016, who do not exercise their option to contribute this insurance scheme, should inform their unwillingness to the Director General of Pensions in writing within two weeks from the date of issuance of this circular. Action shall be taken with regard to the pensioners, who do not respond during the said period, considering that they have exercised their option for the Agrahara Insurance Scheme and it shall not be allowed to withdraw this option subsequently.

05. A circular with instructions including the administrative provisions on the relevant scheme shall be issued by the Director General of Pensions with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance and National Insurance Trust Fund.

06. The provisions of this circular shall be effective from 01.11.2021

Sgd/ J.J. Rathnasiri
Secretary
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Terms and conditions relevant to the revised Agrahara Rekawarana Insurance Scheme for Pensioners are as follows:

1. This insurance scheme is applicable for all the pensioners of Public Service and Provincial Public Service.
2. This revised insurance scheme is implemented under a monthly installment of Rs.400/- recovered from a pensioner below the age of 70 years and a monthly installment of Rs.600/- recovered from a pensioner above the age of 70 years.
3. Entitlement of the benefits of this insurance coverage for life time of the pensioners.
4. The contributions of the retired public officers are recovered by the Department of Pensions and monthly remitted to the National Insurance Trust Fund.
5. Only the pensioners are entitled to the benefits of this insurance scheme and their spouse, orphans or differently abled children are not entitled to the benefits.
6. In case where the spouse of the pensioner is also serving in the public sector, the benefits should be claimed strictly by the pensioner under this insurance scheme in the event of hospitalization.
7. The application introduced by the National Insurance Trust Fund for pensioners should be used by the pensioners when claiming the benefits under this insurance scheme and the member should get the application for benefits certified to the effect that it is true and accurate by the Grama Niladhari of the area and submitted to the National Insurance Trust Fund along with the following documents within 90 days from the date of discharge from the hospital.
 - (a) **In the event of receiving treatment at a Private Hospital**
 - (i) Certified copy of the diagnosis card
 - (ii) Original of final bill issued by the hospital
 - (iii) Originals of the receipts relevant to the payment of cash
 - (b) **In the event of receiving treatment at a Government Hospital**
 - (i) Certified copy of the diagnosis card
 - (ii) Originals of the medical tests done on the recommendation of the Doctors and the prescription relevant to the cost of medicines during the period of hospitalization and the receipts
8. When obtaining a letter of guarantee for surgeries related to heart, brain, kidneys and liver, the following documents should be submitted to the National Insurance Trust Fund.
 - (i) Letter of request submitted by the beneficiary to the National Insurance Trust Fund to obtain a letter of guarantee
 - (ii) Application certified by the Grama Niladhari of the area
 - (iii) Letter certified by the relevant Medical Officer issued to the National Insurance Trust Fund and assessment letter issued by the private hospital
 - (iv) A copy of the Pension Identity Card certified by the Grama Niladhari
 - (v) A copy of the National Identity Card certified by the Grama Niladhari
 - (vi) Letter of expressing the concurrence of the beneficiary to pay the amount relevant to the claim directly to the hospital

**Benefits of the Agrahara Rekawarana Insurance Scheme for Pensioner revised as at
01.11.2021**

(A) The General Benefit that can be reimbursed during the life time.

Serial No:	Type of benefit	Value
01	<p>When receiving residential treatment at a Private Hospital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For room charges Rs.30,000/- (Rs.3000/- per day up to a maximum of 10 days) • Expenses for medicines, nursing and surgical expenses Rs.50,000/- • Doctor fees Rs.20,000/- • For medical tests Rs.20,000/- 	120,000/- private hospital (For one case)
02	<p>For treatment at a private Ayurvedic hospital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For room charges Rs.10,000/- (Rs.1,000/- per day up to a maximum of 10 days) • Expenses for medicines, nursing and surgical expenses Rs.35,000/- • Doctor fees Rs.15,000/- • For medical tests Rs.15,000/- <p>(The private Ayurvedic hospital should have been be registered under the Ministry in charge of the subject of indigenous medicine. Payments are not made for the treatment received from private Ayurvedic Centers)</p>	75,000/- (Subjected to the annuity)
03	<p>(A) For Government Hospitals</p> <p>When receiving residential treatment at a Government Hospital (Rs.500/- per day up to a maximum of 10 days only for a maximum of 20 days per year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of medicines • For medical tests <p>(Only the bills relevant to the period during which the individual has taken residential treatment are reimbursed and the recommendations of the Doctors and the original bills should be submitted for this purpose)</p>	5,000/- 50,000/- 20,000/-

	<p>(B) Government Hospitals (Paying wards)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room charges Rs.10,000/- (Rs.1,000/- per day up to a maximum of 10 days) • Expenses for medicines, nursing and surgical expenses Rs.35,000/- • Doctor fees Rs.15,000/- • For medical tests Rs.15,000/- 	75,000/- (For a single case)
04	<p>For treatment at an Ayurvedic hospital</p> <p>When receiving residential treatment at an Ayurvedic Hospital (Rs.500/- per day up to a maximum of 10 days)</p> <p>(Only for a maximum of 20 days per year)</p>	5,000/-
05	Cataract surgery (Including the expenses for lenses)	25,000/-

The maximum claim limit of the insured member is Rs.150,000/- per year. (Subjected to the maximum limits relevant to the cases mentioned from 01 to 05 above)

(B) The special benefits that can be reimbursed strictly at one occasion during the life time are as follows;

01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Heart Surgeries (including by-pass and angioplasty) • Other heart surgeries • Implanting pacemaker - Single • Implanting pacemaker - Double • RF Ablation 	500,000/- 150,000/- 300,000/- 225,000/-
02	For a kidney transplant	500,000/-
03	For brain surgeries	500,000/-
04	For a liver transplant	500,000/-
	<p>The expenses for surgeries related to heart, kidneys, brain and liver done at a private hospital can be directly paid to the hospital through National Insurance Trust Fund. At such occasion, a letter of guarantee should be obtained from the National Insurance Trust Fund before hospitalization.</p> <p>The expenses of other surgeries except the above mentioned surgeries done at a private hospital shall be reimbursed as per No: 01 indicated under the benefits of the insurance scheme.</p>	
05	For cancers	200,000/-
06	For hearing aids (Only once in the life time)	50,000/-